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1. SINCE REFTTEL, THE GOI HAS ANNOUNCED THE RELEASE OF SEVERAL MORE IMPORTANT OPPOSITION FIGURES (AS WELL AS SEVERAL LESSER AND LOCAL POLITICAL FIGURES) FROM PREVENTIVE DETENTION:
(A) MOHAN DHARIA, JANUARY 12, MEMBER OF THE LOK SABHA FROM MAHARASHTRA. A FORMER MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND LATER FOR WORKS AND HOUSING IN MRS. GANDHI'S CABINET, DHARIA WAS EXPELLED FROM THE CONGRESS (R) FOR HAVING ADVOCATED A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND J.P. NARAYAN DURING THE LATTER'S AGITATIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1975. HE WAS AN OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF THE GOVERNMENT AFTER THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EMERGENCY AND WAS EVENTUALLY ARRESTED IN LATE 1975.

(B) CHANDRA SHEKHAR, JANUARY 12, MEMBER OF THE RAJYA SABHA. LIKE DHARIA, CHANDRA SHEKHAR WAS SUSPENDED FROM THE CONGRESS (R) FOR HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE J.P. HE ALSO HAD BEEN
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PROMINENT IN CONGRESS AFFAIRS, HAVING SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL WORKING COMMITTEE. CHANDRA SHEKHAR WAS ARRESTED ON JUNE 26, 1975.
(C) RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE, JANUARY 13. HEGDE, A CONGRESS (O) MLC (MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL), IS THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION IN KARNATAKA'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY.

2. THE IMMINENT RELEASE OF DHARIA AND CHANDRA SHEKHAR HAS BEEN RUMORED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. THEY WERE BROUGHT TO DELHI SOME TIME AGO AND PLACED UNDER LOOSE HOUSE ARREST. WITH THEIR RELEASE, THE LAST MP'S OF MRS. GANDHI'S RULING PARTY ARE NOW OUT OF JAIL. BOTH ARE NOW CONSIDERED AS INDEPENDENTS.

3. ONE OTHER DETAINED MP, C. CHITTIBABU (DMK MEMBER OF THE LOK SABHA FROM TAMIL NADU), DIED OF A HEART ATTACK ON JANUARY 5 WHILE STILL UNDER DETENTION. HIS DEATH AND THE RELEASE OF DHARIA AND CHANDRA SHEKHAR BRINGS DOWN THE NUMBER OF DETAINED LOK SABHA MP'S TO 13 AND THE NUMBER OF DETAINED RAJYA SABHA MP'S TO EIGHT. THOSE ON PAROLE REMAIN AS REPORTED IN REFTEL. IN ADDITION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONGRESS (O) LEADER MORARJI DESAI HAS NOW BEEN TRANSFERRED TO DELHI AND THAT HE MAY BE RELEASED SHORTLY.

4. AS NOTED REFTEL, WE BELIEVE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER DETENTION HAS BEEN GOING DOWN ALTHOUGH WE ARE NO MORE ABLE TO QUANTIFY THIS THAN WE HAVE BEEN FOR MONTHS. INDEED, WE NOTE THE CURIOUS FACT THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS DETAINED IN DELHI'S TIHAR JAIL UNDER MISA ACTUALLY SEEMS TO HAVE GONE UP IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS FROM 634 IN AUGUST 1976 TO 730 IN JANUARY 1977 (FIGURES GIVEN EMBCONOFF BY JAIL SUPERINTENDENT).
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